

The Committee also held a hearing on Implementing the Wounded Warrior Provisions of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008. Testimony was heard from Michael L. Dominguez, Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense; ADM Patrick W. Dunne, USN, Acting Under Secretary, Benefits and Assistant Secretary, Policy and Planning, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—MEXICAN BORDER VIOLENCE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Mexican Border Violence. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

FUTURE OF OIL

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing entitled "The Future of Oil." Testimony was heard from Guy F. Caruso, Administrator, Energy Information Administrator, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the condition of our nation's infrastructure, focusing on perspectives from our nation's mayors, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security, to hold hearings to examine supply chain security, focusing on the secure freight initiative and the implementation of 100 percent scanning, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the relationship between United States fuels policy and food prices, 2:15 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the United States Trade Preference programs, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine energy from Central Asia to Europe, focusing on oil, oligarchs, and opportunity, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine addressing the United States-Pakistan strategic relationship, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 2979, to exempt the African National Congress from treatment as a terrorist organization, H.R. 5690, to remove the African National Congress from treatment as a terrorist organization for certain acts or events, provide relief for certain members of the African National Congress regarding admissibility, S. 2892, to promote the prosecution and enforcement of frauds against the United States by suspending the statute of limitations during times when Congress has authorized the use of military force, H.R. 3480, to direct the United States Sentencing Commission to assure appropriate punishment enhancements for those involved in receiving stolen property where that property consists of grave markers of veterans, S. 1211, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide enhanced penalties for marketing controlled substances to minors, S. Res. 576, designating August 2008 as "Digital Television Transition Awareness Month", and the nominations of Helene N. White, of Michigan, and Raymond M. Kethledge, of Michigan, each to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, and Stephen Joseph Murphy III, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to mark up the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2009, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to mark up the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2009, 11:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 5533, Chemical Facilities Act of 2008; and H.R. 5577, Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to meet to vote on the issuance of subpoenas for records in connection with the Subcommittee's ongoing investigation regarding the safety of the Nation's food supply, 9:45 a.m.; followed by a hearing entitled "American Lives Still at Risk: When Will FDA's Food Protection Plan Be Fully Funded and Implemented?" 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, hearing on Russia, Iran, and Nuclear Weapons: Implications of the Proposed U.S.-Russia Agreement, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment, hearing on U.S.-Japan Relations: An Overview, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled "The Challenge of Aligning Programs, Personnel, and Resources to Achieve Border Security," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, hearing on the

Enforcement of the Fair Housing Act of 1968, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigrations, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security and International Law, hearing on the Need for Green Cards for Highly Skilled Workers, 11 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on Spinningraw Into Black Gold: Enhanced Oil Recovery Using Carbon Dioxide, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, oversight hearing on the Implementation of the Compact of Free Associations Between the United States and the Republic of Palau, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to mark up a Committee report entitled “Jack Abramoff’s Contacts with White House Officials”; and to mark up the following: H. Res. 984, Expressing the support for the designation of July 26, 2008, as National Day of the Cowboy; H. Res. 1002, Expressing support for the designation of April 2008 as Public Radio Recognition Month; H. Res. 1029, Congratulating and recognizing Mr. Juan Antonio “Chi Chi” Rodriguez for his continued success on and off the golf course, for his generosity and devotion to charity, and for his exemplary dedication to the intellectual and moral growth of thousands of low-income and disadvantaged youth in our country; H. Res. 1219, Celebrating the symbol of the United States flag and supporting the goals and ideals of Flag Day; H. Res. 1237, Recognizing the historical significance of Juneteenth Independence Day, and expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that history should be regarded as a means for understanding the past and more effectively facing the challenges of the future; H. Res. 1245, Congratulating the Detroit Red Wings for winning the 2008 Stanley Cup Hockey Championship; H. Con. Res. 195, Expressing the sense of Congress that a National Dysphagia Awareness Month should be established; a resolution Expressing support for the designation of Gospel Music Heritage Month and honoring gospel music for its valuable contributions to American culture; H.R. 4010, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 West Percy Street in Mississippi, as the “Minnie Cox Post Office Building”; H.R. 5506, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 369 Martin Luther Jr. Drive in Jersey City, New Jersey, as the “Bishop Ralph E. Brower Post Office Building”; H.R. 5975, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 West Main Street in Waterville, New York, as the “Cpl. John P. Sigsbee Post Office”; H.R. 6061, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 219 East Main Street in West Frankfort, Illinois, as the “Kenneth James Gray Post Office Building”; H.R. 6085, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 42222 Rancho Las Palmas Drive in Rancho Mirage, California, as the “Gerald R. Ford Post Office

Building”; H.R. 6092, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 Tallapoosa Street in Bremeat, Georgia, as the “Sergeant Paul Saylor Post Office Building”; H.R. 6150, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14500 Lorain Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio, as the “John P. Gallagher Post Office Building”; and S. 171, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 Commerce Street in Commerce, Oklahoma, as the “Mickey Mantle Post Office Building”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Investigation and Oversight, hearing on Toxic Communities: How EPA’s IRIS Program Fails the Public, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing entitled “Electronic Payments Tax Reporting: Another Tax Burden for Small Businesses”, 10 a.m., 1539 Longworth.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on Discharges Incidental to the Normal Operation of a Commercial Vessel, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1197, Prisoner of War Benefits Act of 2007; H.R. 3008, Rural Veterans Services Outreach and Training Act; H.R. 3070, Disabled Veterans’ Caregiver Compensation Act; H.R. 3795, You Were There, You Get Care Act of 2007; H.R. 4274, Gold Star Parents Annuity Act of 2007; H.R. 5155, Combat Veterans Debt Elimination Act of 2008; H.R. 5448, Full Faith in Veterans Act of 2008; H.R. 5454, To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a presumption of service connection of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis for purposes of the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 5709, Veterans Disability Fairness Act; H.R. 5954, To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide veterans for presumptions of service connection for purposes of benefits under laws administered by Secretary of Veterans Affairs for diseases associated with service in the Armed Forces and exposure to biological, chemical, or other toxic agents as part of Project 112, and for other purposes; H.R. 5985, Compensation for Combat Veterans Act; and H.R. 6032, To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide wartime disability compensation for certain veterans with Parkinson’s Disease, 2 p.m., 340 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on DOD Programs, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management, executive, briefing on Global Change National Intelligence Assessment, 2:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the future costs of funding the war in Iraq, 10 a.m., SD-106.